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SUBJECT: OECD DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON GUIDELINES FOR
ACTION TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF SULPHUR OXIDES AND PARTICU-
LATE MATTER

1. SUMMARY: OECD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MET MARCH 22, 1974 TO EXAMINE SUBJECT DRAFT
RECOMMENDATION AND AGREE ON REVISION. RECOMMENDATION WAS
REVISED LARGELY TO MEET UK REQUIREMENTS. END
SUMMARY.

2. OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REFERRED DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
ON "GUIDELINES FOR ACTION TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF SULPHUR OXIDES
AND PARTICULATE MATTER FROM FUEL COMBUSTION IN STATIONARY SOURCES"
TO TENTH SESSION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. NO FINAL DECISION
WAS TAKEN REGARDING DRAFT RECOMMENDATION. NO FINAL DECISION WAS
TAKEN REGARDING DRAFT RECOMMENDATION, IT BEING AGREED THAT COMMITTEE
SHOULD MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON 22ND MARCH. SPECIAL SESSION
WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY NORWEGIAN PRESENTATION ON "PRECIPITATION OF
SULPHUR POLLUTANTS OVER NORWAY" (COPY POUCHED DEPARTMENT)
AND BY VERY STRONG UK RESERVE POSITION REFLECTING UNWILLINGNESS
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TO BE BOUND AT THE MOMENT BY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF VARIOUS

FUELS AND RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION AS IS DRAMATICALLY ILLUSTRATED IN THE NORWEGIAN DATA.

3. AFTER PROTRACTED CONSIDERATION, SPECIAL SESSION ACCEPTED ESSENTIALLY ALL OF UK SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS. OTHER DELEGATES FELT FAILURE TO AGREE ON NEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATION WOULD DELAY FINALIZATION OF RECOMMENDATION INTERMINABLY.

4. UK DRAFT AMENDMENTS POUCHED DEPARTMENT. FINAL CHANGES IN C(74)16 OF 27 FEBRUARY 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AFTER DECLARATIVE PHRASE ENDING "...VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS;" INSERT "CONSIDERING THE ABOVE POSSIBILITIES FOR EMISSION CONTROL AND FUEL CLEANING, THE COSTS INVOLVED IN CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND RUNNING, AND WHERE POSSIBLE THE BENEFITS ACHIEVED BY REDUCING POLLUTION;"

B. AFTER DECLARATIVE PHRASE ENDING "...AS NATURALLY CLEAN." CHANGE PERIOD TO SEMICOLON AND ADD "RECOGNIZING THAT STATES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION OR CONTROL DO NOT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT OF OTHER STATES".

C. OPERATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

"I. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD, IN RESPECT OF STATIONARY EMISSION SOURCES, ADOPT AS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: (A) THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE USE OF CLEAN FUELS IN SOURCES EMITTING NEAR GROUND LEVEL, ESPECIALLY IN URBAN AREAS AND WHERE EMISSIONS OCCUR UNDER UNFAVORABLE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS; (B) ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF..." THE OTHER VERBS IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH I. SHOULD BE CHANGED TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR SENTENCE STRUCTURE. ON BRITISH INSISTENCE ORIGINAL OPERATIVE PHRASE PHRASE I (F) WAS ELIMINATED AND INCORPORATED IN THE NEW DECLARATIVE PHRASE AS IN 4(B) ABOVE.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH I ENDS WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: "IN TAKING ACTION ON (A) TO (E) BOTH THE IMPACT ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THAT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF OTHER STATES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION". (THIS REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF THE UK TO RETAIN AT LEAST SOME MENTION, IF NOT RECOMMENDATION, OF THE TRANSFRONTIER OBLIGATIONS IN THE OPERATIVE SECTION).

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D. UNDER OPERATIVE SECTION II THE DEADLINE TO INFORM THE OECD OF ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION IS READJUSTED TO 1ST MARCH 1975. IN THAT SAME PARAGRAPH II (A) THE WORD "MEASURES", WHERE IT OCCURS TWICE IS CHANGED TO "ACTION".

5. THE REVISED (MARCH 22) TEXT IS EXPECTED TO GO BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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